

Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1-7. (Cancelled)

Claim 8. (Currently amended) A method of inducing an immune response against *Renibacterium salmoninarum* *Renibacterium salmoninarum* in fish comprising administering an effective immunizing dose of an *Arthrobacter* species *Arthrobacter* strain RSxII to said fish.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 8 wherein said immunizing dose contains an adjuvant further comprising administering an adjuvant to said fish.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 8 wherein said *Arthrobacter* species is *Arthrobacter* strain RSxII (ATCC Deposit Accession No ATCC 55921) *Arthrobacter* strain RSxII has ATCC Deposit Accession No ATCC 55921.

Claim 11. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 10 wherein said immunizing dose contains an adjuvant further comprising administering an adjuvant to said fish.

Claim 12. (Currently amended) A method of immunizing a fish to a disease caused by *Renibacterium salmoninarum* *Renibacterium salmoninarum* comprising administering an effective immunizing dose of an *Arthrobacter* species *Arthrobacter* strain RSxII to said fish.

Claim 13. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 12 wherein said immunizing dose contains an adjuvant further comprising administering an adjuvant to said fish.

Claim 14. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 12 wherein said *Arthrobacter* species is *Arthrobacter* strain RSxII (ATCC Deposit Accession No ATCC 55921) *Arthrobacter* strain RSxII has ATCC Deposit Accession No ATCC 55921.

Claim 15. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 14 wherein said immunizing dose contains an adjuvant further comprising administering an adjuvant to said fish.

Claim 16. (Currently amended) A method for preventing the occurrence of bacterial kidney disease in fish comprising administering an effective immunizing amount of an *Arthrobacter* species *Arthrobacter* strain RSxII to said fish.

Claim 17. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 16 wherein said immunizing amount contains an adjuvant further comprising administering an adjuvant to said fish.

Claim 18. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 16 wherein said *Arthrobacter* species is *Arthrobacter* strain RSxII (ATCC Deposit Accession No ATCC 55921) *Arthrobacter* strain RSxII has ATCC Deposit Accession No ATCC 55921.

Claim 19. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 18 wherein said immunizing amount contains an adjuvant further comprising administering an adjuvant to said fish.

Claims 20-23. (Cancelled)